

CLAIMS

1. A method of alerting a user of a mobile telephone that the user is connected to a second network other than a usual first network, comprising:

5 allocating a first set of specific user-definable non-text settings in the user's telephone to a situation where the user is connected to a first network;

allocating a second set of specific user-definable non-text settings in the user's telephone to a situation where the user is connected to a second network;

10 switching the settings automatically to said first set when user's telephone becomes connected to said first network;

switching the settings automatically to said second set when the telephone becomes connected to the second network;

15 alerting the user immediately before a call is activated, by an indication caused by said first and second non-text settings respectively that the user is connected to the first or second network.

2. A method as in claim 1, wherein said non-text settings in the user's telephone may be selected from indications including:

key sound;

20 acoustic sounds;

LED;

vibration; and

ring signal.

3. A method as in claim 2, wherein the acoustic sounds are associated with a prompt used during voice dialing.

5 4. A method as in claim 2, wherein said vibration setting is used in association with one or more of voice dialing, flip opening or key pressing.

10 5. A method as in claim 2, wherein an incoming call is associated with a ring signal, the method including the step of the user selecting if the ring signal should be associated with a first or second network.

15 6. A method as in claim 1, wherein the first network may be a user's home network/a preferred network.

20 7. A method as in claim 6, wherein the second network may be a foreign network other than the user's home network/preferred network.

8. A method as in claim 1, wherein the user's telephone includes a display which can show an identification of a current connected network which may be confirmed by the user reading text on the display.

9. A method as in claim 8, where the first network is a home/preferred network.

10. A method as in claim 8, wherein the second network is a foreign network other than the user's home network/ preferred network.

5 11. A method as in claim 1, wherein the non-text settings are associated with user defined profiles in the mobile telephone.

12. The method as in claim 1, including providing a graphic display on the user's telephone, said display including information regarding any international network to which a user's call is connected.

13. The method as in claim 12, wherein said graphic display comprises a display chosen from an LCD display and an LED display.

14. The method as in claim 1, including voice dialing and activating, connected with an outgoing call.

15. Apparatus in a user's mobile telephone to alert the user that the user is connected to a second network other than a usual first network, comprising:

20 a first set of specific user-definable non-text settings in the user's mobile telephone for use when the user's mobile telephone is connected to a first network;

a second set of specific user-definable non-text settings in the user's mobile telephone for use the user's mobile telephone is connected to a second network;

circuitry for switching automatically to said first set when user's mobile telephone is connected to said first network, and for switching automatically to said second set when user's mobile telephone is connected to the second network;

an indicator for alerting the user immediately when the phone is used, by use of said first and second sets of non-text settings that the user is connected to the first or second network.

16. Apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said non-text settings in the user's telephone may be selected from indications including:

key sound;
acoustic sounds;
LED;
vibration; and
ring signal.

17. Apparatus as in claim 11, wherein said indicator comprises a vibration mechanism coupled to a casing of said user's mobile telephone to selectively cause vibration of the casing.

18. Apparatus as in claim 11, wherein said indicator comprises a mechanism to selectively produce an acoustic signal.

19. Apparatus as in claim 11, wherein said indicator comprises an LED which is connected to be selectively lit by said first and second non-text settings in the user's telephone.

20. Apparatus as in claim 16, wherein the acoustic sounds are associated with a prompt used during voice dialing.

21. Apparatus as in claim 16, wherein said vibration setting is used in association with one or more of voice dialing, flip opening or key pressing.

22. Apparatus as in claim 16, wherein an incoming call is associated with a ring signal, wherein the user can select if the ring signal should be associated with a first or second network.

23. Apparatus as in claim 15 for use in a first network, wherein the first network may be a user's home network/ preferred network.

24. Apparatus as in 23, wherein the second network may be a network other than the user's home network/preferred network.

25. Apparatus as in claim 15, wherein the user's telephone includes a display which can show an identification of a current connected network which may be confirmed by the user reading text on the display.

26. Apparatus as in claim 25, wherein the second network is a foreign network.

5 27. Apparatus as in claim 25, wherein the second network may be any network other than the user's home network/ preferred network.

28. Apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said non-text settings are associated with user defined profiles in the mobile telephone.